

**REMARKS**

Claims 13-20 now stand in the application, the original claims having been replaced with new claims 13-20. Claim 13 incorporates the subject matter of previous claim 12 into the independent claim, and also clarifies that the individual elements of the braiding are monofilaments, conforming the claim to what is currently being allowed by the European Patent Office.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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